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The Evangelical Lutheran Joint Synod of Ohio and other States convened, as provided by a resolution adopted at its last convention, on Oct. 25., A. D., 1876, to hold its 21. Regular Convention, in the Evangelical Lutheran St. John's Church, Rev. H. Wickemeyer, pastor, at Richmond, Ind.

The opening sermon was preached in the evening of the same day in the above named Church, by the President of the Synod, Prof. M. Loy, on the Scripture passage recorded in 1. Tim. 4, 16. The subject of his sermon was the question: What have we, as members of a Christian Synod, to do in order to carry on with energy the work of saving souls? To this question the threefold reply was given: First: We must take heed into ourselves, second: We must take heed unto the doctrine, and third: We must continue in these things.

The first regular session of the Synod was opened by the President, with the usual liturgical opening service, at 9 o'clock, on Thursday morning, Oct. 26., and the last regular session closed on Wednesday evening at 5 o'clock, Nov. 1., 1876. All the sessions, excepting the first, were opened with liturgical service conducted by the chaplain, Pastor W. Schmogrow, who was appointed to this office; and all, excepting the last, were closed either with the Lord's Prayer or the singing of the Apostolic Benediction.

All the business of Synod was transacted during 11 sessions, held from 8½ to 11½ o'clock in the morning, and from 2 to 5 o'clock in the afternoon. Besides these, the English District also held its regular annual sessions at times intervening between the sessions of Joint Synod, and several other Districts embraced similar opportunities to hold extra sessions. Altogether it was a time of pressing and con-

tinuous work; may the Lord add His blessing to the things that have been done, to the honor and praise of His great name.

The names of Pastors and Lay Delegates present at the opening of this Synod, or appearing at any time during its several sessions, are as follows:

I. THE NORTHERN DISTRICT.

Pastors.	P. O. Address	Lay Delegates.
C. H. Althoff	Elmore, Ottawa Co., O	
H. F. Belser	Ann Arbor, Mich	
C. Buechler	Bellevue, Huron Co., O	
A. Buerkle	Woodville, Sandusky Co., O	Peter Bowe.
M. Buerkle	Findlay, Hancock Co., O	
J. F. Gerkensmeyer	Grand Ledge, Eaton Co., Mich	
R. Graetz	Dundee, Monroe Co., Mich	
W. F. Helle	Upper Sandusky, O	
C. E. Herbst	Sheldon, Allen Co., Ind	
C. Huebner	Delphos, Allen Co., O	
E. Kornbaum, jr	Pemberville, Wood Co., O	Gerhard Steisa.
J. G. Lehrer	Sandusky City, O	
C. Lembke	Liverpool, Medina Co., O	
A. Michaelis	Monroe, Mich	
H. W. Mohrhoff	Chatfield, Crawford Co., O	
P. H. Mueller	Marion, O	
S. Poppen	Hessville, Sandusky Co., O	
J. A. Schulze	Galion, O	
J. J. Sutter	Clyde, Sandusky Co., O	
A. C. Ulrich	Norwalk, O	Wm. Himberger.

II. THE WESTERN DISTRICT.

F. W. Althoff	Springfield, Clark Co., O	G. P. Frank.
C. H. Althoff	Greenville, Darke Co., O	August Beisner.
G. Bachmann	Reading, Hamilton Co., O	Geo. Machendorf.
E. A. Boehme	Union City, Randolph Co., Ind	Arend Abel.
G. E. Buchholz	Middletown, Butler Co., O	F. Siebert.
J. Dingeldey	Sidney, Shelby Co., O	Michael Stengel.
F. Groth, Director	Capital University, Columbus, O	
H. Henkel	Logan, Hocking Co., O	Andrew Rauber.
R. Herbst	Columbus, O	John Gruebler.
W. F. Lehmann, Prof	Capital University, Columbus, O	
W. C. Lembke	Marysville, Union Co., O	John Huber.
G. Loewenstein	Dayton, O	John Hittel.
Th. Mees, Prof	Columbus, O	
W. L. Meyer	Pomeroy, Meigs Co., O	
P. A. Peter	West Baltimore, Preble Co., O	Joshua Schell.
O. Priwer	New Bedford, Coshocton Co., O	
C. G. Reichert	Grove City, Franklin Co., O	
E. Schmid, Prof	Columbus, O	

PASTORS.	P. O. ADDRESS.	LAY DELEGATES.
Ph. Schmidt	Trenton, Butler Co., O	
P. G. Schmogrow	Covington, Miami Co., O	Geo. Boehringer.
W. Schmogrow	St. Mary's, Auglaize Co., O	H. Reiselt.
H. J. Schuh	Canal Winchester, Franklin Co., O	August Schaer.
C. A. Schulze	Sugar Grove, Fairfield Co., O	
J. C. Schulze	Ironton, Lawrence Co., O	
J. G. Schwemley	Celina, Mercer Co., O	Christian Meier.
G. Sutter	Versailles, Darke Co., O	Nicolas Jensen.
J. G. Theisz	Madisonville, Hamilton Co., O	
G. H. Trebel	Hamilton, Butler Co., O	J. Schmidt.
F. Wendt	Wapakoneta, Auglaize Co., O	
H. Willert	Skeels Cross Roads, Mercer Co., O	Christian Kessler.

III. THE EASTERN DISTRICT.

G. C. Kittel	Meadville, Pa	
M. F. Lauffer	Leetonia, Columbiana Co., O	
W. C. H. Luebkert	Butler, Butler Co., Pa	H. J. Klingler.
G. F. H. Meiser	Youngstown, O	
P. Raether	North Lima, Mahoning Co., O	
H. A. Schmidt	Hubbard, Trumbull Co., O	
D. Simon	Indiana, Indiana Co., Pa	

IV. THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT.

L. A. Detzer	Weisburg, Dearborn Co., Ind	H. Chairsell.
A. Eberbach	Patricksburg, Owen Co., Ind	Adam Nolte.
Th. H. Jaeger	Lawrenceburg, Ind	
J. M. Koepplin	Olean, Ripley Co., Ind	
H. Meyer	Harmans, Dearborn Co., Ind	H. Engelking.
C. F. Meyer	Hartford City, Ind	Peter Willmann.
H. Wickemeyer	Richmond, Ind	Dietrich Meyer.
F. zur Muehlen	Bear Branch, Ohio Co., Ind	

V. THE ENGLISH DISTRICT.

A. S. Bartholomew	Lima, Allen Co., O	H. Boose.
G. Baughman	Eaton, O	Chr. Voege.
J. Beck	Lithopolis, O	
H. A. Becker	Thornville, Perry Co., O	Benjamin Sult.
E. Cronenwett	Delaware, O	
G. A. Harter	Avilla, Noble Co., Ind	Peter Simons.
M. H. Hockman	Carrollton, O	
J. O. Hoffman	Prospect, Marion Co., O	
	Canal Fulton, O	Peter Buehl.
B. E. Kemmer	Rokeby, O	
G. W. Lose	Criderville, O	J. Delong.
M. Loy, Prof	Columbus, O	
J. Manning	St. Paris, O	
L. F. Meyer	Gahanna, Franklin Co., O	

PASTORS.	P. O. ADDRESS.	LAY DELEGATES.
C. J. Oehlschlaeger	Waynesburg, O.	
O. S. Oglesbee	Huntington, Ind	
A. Pflueger	Baltimore, Md	
H. J. Reiman	Paris, Stark Co., O	
H. L. Ridenour	Somerset, Perry Co., O	
W. J. Schroyer	Johnsville, O.	Henry Schoenefelt.
A. H. Schulze	Circleville, O.	
C. H. L. Schuette, Prof.	Capital University, Columbus, O.	
G. W. Umbaugh	Wabash, Ind.	Isaac Roser.
M. R. Walter	Columbus, O.	Peter Swinehart.
Geo. Weber	Madisonburg, Wayne Co., O.	Peter W. Motz.
G. Yung	New Lexington, O.	

Names of Pastors not present at this Synod are the following:

I. THE NORTHERN DISTRICT.

Pastors.	*P. O. Address.*	*Pastors.*	*P. O. Address.*
C. Adam	Woodland, Mich.	S. Hunziker	Cardington, O.
J. Bauch	Oak Harbor, O.	L. Krebs	Mansfield, O.
C. Clessler	New Washington, O.	J. Krieger	Attica, O.
C. A. J. Cramer	Sulphur Springs, O.	J. Kucher	Ft. Wayne, Ind.
G. Cronenwett	Woodville, O.	H. Lang	Fremont, O.
G. Dillman	Wooster, O.	C. Lilje	Port Clinton, O.
J. Doerfler	Bridgewater, Mich.	C. R. O. Mueller	Waltz, Mich.
J. Dornbirer	Loudonville, O.	C. Raths	Oak Harbor, O.
C. Eirich	Homerville, O.	G. Reif	Marion, O.
F. Eppling	Kirchhayn, Wis.	G. F. Reitz	Arlington, O.
C. Gebauer	Jelloway, O.	C. Schlenker	Toledo, O.
J. F. Graeszle	Bucyrus, O.	C. Volz	East Saginaw, Mich.
M. Graupner	Chelsea, Mich.	J. F. N. Wolf	Jackson, Mich.
A. Hordorf	Danbury, O.		

II. THE WESTERN DISTRICT.

C. Benzin	Salamonia, Ind.	J. Lautenschlager	Ashland, Ky.
G. Doepken	Marietta, O.	W. Niebuhr	Powellsville, O.
H. G. Holm	Buena Vista, O.	L. Serr	Montra, O.

III. THE EASTERN DISTRICT.

S. Baechler	Youngstown, O.	J. G. Butz	Zelienople, Pa.
F. C. Becker	Lordstown, O.	W. F. Deis	Dorseyville, Pa.
C. F. W. Brecht	Perrysville, Pa.	P. Engers	Shippenville, Pa.
J. J. Fast	Canton, O.	F. Schiedt	Allegheny City, Pa.
A. H. Feldmann	Canton, O.	B. F. Schillinger	Petersburg, O.
H. T. E. Hengist	Brookfield, O.	C. Schmidt	Warren, O.
F. A. Herzberger		A. E. Sylla	Break Neck P. O., Pa.
J. Hoelsche	Waterloo, Ont.	L. Vogelsang	South Oil City, Pa.
J. Hoerr	Baltimore, Md.	K. Wals	Sharpsburg, Pa.
J. G. Kranz	New Hamburg, Pa.	A. W. Werder	Wheeling, W. Va.

Pastors.	*P. O. Address.*	*Pastors.*	*P. O. Address.*
D. M. Martens	Fredonia, Pa.	J. Wilhelm	Greenock P. O., Pa.
J. M. Meissner	Punxutawney, Pa.	F. Wilhelm	Denny P. O., Pa.
A. Pohl	Millerstown, Pa.		

IV. THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT.

F. Ave-Lallemant	Kellersville, Ind.	J. F. Lautenschlager	Hausertown, Ind.
W. Bauermeister	Stendal, Ind.	E. Mahlberg	Canal, Ind.
H. Borchers	Seymour, Ind.	P. M. Reidenbach	Evansville, Ind.
W. L. Fischer	Milan, Ind.	H. A. Schaechter	Dudleytown, Ind.
H. Koenig	Evansville, Ind.	D. J. Warns	Holland, Ind.
H. M. Kreuter	Harrison, O.	R. Weise	Lynnville, Ind.

V. THE ENGLISH DISTRICT.

A. Birch	Lake P. O., O.	J. L. Traeger	Petersburg, O.
W. A. Bowman	West Carrollton, O.	E. L. S. Tressel	Baltimore, Md.
W. H. Brown	St. Paul's, O.	W. A. Weisman	Topeka, Kan.
E. Friedrichsen	East Portland, Or.	J. Humberger	Canal Fulton, O.

The presence of Pastors S. F. Stock of the Missouri Synod, G. Mochel of the Synod of Illinois and other States, and Mr. B. Margileth of the congregation of Lawrenceburg, Ind., was announced, and they were accordingly welcomed as the guests of this Synod.

After the organization of this Synod had concluded, the President, Rev. Prof. M. Loy, read his report, which was submitted as follows:

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with us all. Amen.

Beloved Brethren in the Lord!—That we have hitherto been permitted successfully to co-operate in the upbuilding of the kingdom of God, is not our merit, but divine grace only. We are not worthy of being permitted to participate in so glorious a work. Neither is the success with which our work has been crowned to be ascribed to our wisdom. Indeed we would long since have ruined everything, if God Himself had not ruled in His mercy and bestowed His blessing upon us. His grace will we praise: to Him alone be glory and honor!

To His honor we are at liberty to rejoice that our Synod has grown, in membership as well as in grace and knowledge. Many an evil, that had descended upon us from a former period of slackness, has been put aside. By our congregations many things are comprehended more clearly, so that now a variety of measurers could be adopted into our constitution, whose worth we would formerly have been unprepared to appreciate so generally. It is indeed the duty of Christians so to increase more and more upon the basis of the pure

Word of God, and with an ever growing zeal to use the treasures they have won for the common good.

It is true that the Synod has no legislative power, in the sense that it can pass laws by which the consciences of congregations would be bound. This must be very clearly borne in mind. The arrogation of such a power would be simply ruinous. For what else would this be, than the desire to impose a yoke upon the disciples, which neither our fathers nor we were able to bear? In this way the Synod would, instead of holding fast the glorious liberty of the children of God, manifest itself as the subject of the Pope, who by this very fact, that he attempts to usurp the throne of God and in His stead to rule in the Church, reveals himself as the real Antichrist. To our congregations the Word of God has become too precious, for them to submit to its being crowded out by the commandments of men and to adopt such decrees. For not in vain have they heard the admonition: "Stand fast, therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage." Gal. 5, 1. We must indeed see to it, that among us all things be done decently and in order, and wholesome regulations are therefore not only admissible, but also highly necessary; but that can nevermore be a wholesome regulation, that primarily ascribes to the Synod such powers, as belong only to the Lord and His word.

Some people are indeed to be found, and even among those who call themselves Lutheran, in whose minds the idea of a purely advisory synodical power calls forth nothing but decision. They think if a Synod has no power to enforce compulsory laws, it must therefore be entirely without influence, and its existence could have no aim or object. May such silly thoughts find no reception among us! For those only to whom the might of the divine word and the power of conviction of the heart are unknown, will encourage such dreams and permit themselves to be deceived thereby.

The government of the Church is a government of the Lord and His word. A Lutheran Synod dare not even for a moment lose sight of this principle.

Christ alone rules in His kingdom, which is the Church. For so He Himself declares: "My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence. Pilate therefore said unto him, Art thou a king then? Jesus answered, Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice." John 18,

36–37. From this we see that the kingdom of Christ is not ruled by external force, like the kingdoms of this world; that in His kingdom He Himself is King, and holds the scepter; that the power He uses is that of truth, which He teaches and of which He bears witness; and that the children of the kingdom willingly submit to the ruling power of this truth. This is a right strong government, administered by the mighty King of glory, in which the subjects do not murmuringly, indolently and with aversion yield a mere external obedience to the orders proclaimed, but with joyous hearts and ready hands do the will of their King; for by His grace His holy will has been made their will.

Therefore it is an atrocious usurpation for men, no matter who they may be or what offices they may hold, to claim the rule in the Church and to attempt the subjugation of brethren who are on the same level with themselves. This the King will not permit. For He tells us: "Be not ye called Rabbi: for one is your Master, even Christ; and all ye are brethren." Matt. 23, 8. Among those who are all equally submissive to the one Master, no one can assume the position of master, without incurring the guilt of insolently interfering with the royal prerogatives of the one and only Lord. Among the true disciples of Jesus such a highminded craving to possess the throne does not exist; for they hear the voice of their Lord when He speaks: "Ye know that the princes of the Gentiles exercise dominion over them, and they that are great exercise authority upon them. But it shall not be so among you: but whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister; and whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant." Matt. 20, 25–27.

This is also the sense in which the Apostles speak, although they held a very exalted office in the Church, and were provided with such exalted gifts. For St. Paul says: "Not for that we have dominion over your faith, but are helpers of your joy. 2 Cor. 1, 24. And again: "For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake." 2 Cor. 4, 5. And St. Peter says: "Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind: neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being ensamples to the flock." 1 Pet. 5, 2–3. For the Apostles had no thought of being able to accomplish anything by their own strength and wisdom, but trusted in the power of the Lord and His mighty word of truth, as St. Paul declares: "Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think anything as of ourselves; but our sufficiency is of God; who also hath made us able ministers of the New Testament."

2 Cor. 3, 5–6; and again: "Therefore, seeing we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we faint not; but have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully; but by manifestation of the truth, commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God." 2 Cor. 4, 1–2. Their work was to use their Lord's word; and this they did with zeal and joy, without desiring to apply any other authority or power. This word converts souls unto the Lord, and makes them submissive and obedient unto Him. This establishes the dominion of the true King, as He Himself also declares: "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye *therefore*, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." Matt. 28, 18–20. To Christians therefore belongs the work of proclaiming and administering in the Lord's name His Word and Sacrament, that He to whom all power is given and who is always present with His people may Himself build His Church and hold dominion over it.

With such a government all true Christians are therefore also most heartily satisfied, and they neither need nor desire any other; for so even the children are taught in the catechism to say: "I believe that Jesus Christ, true God begotten of the Father in Eternity, and also true man born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord, who hath redeemed, purchased and delivered me, a poor, forlorn, condemned person, from all sin, from death and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with His holy precious blood, and with His innocent sufferings and death, that I might be His, live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence and happiness, even as He is risen from the dead and now lives and reigns in all Eternity. This is most certainly true."

If therefore it is the desire of our Synod to labor with true success in the Lord's kingdom, all that is needed is to see to this with diligence, that everywhere within her bounds the rule of the Gospel be established. This will produce stirring, robust men, who will hasten to accomplish their Lord's will, and who will go in the work with untiring energy even in the midst of many tribulations. The commandments of men will never more accomplish this. They work nothing but wrath; at best they produce a slavish external obedience in which true self-denying work, performed in the joyousness of faith and with burning love, is out of the question entirely. Therefore any one, who will take the least pains to study this question in the light of God's

Word, must clearly see that it is nothing but ignorant and malicious assertion on the part of those who talk of a legislative power by which the conscience is to be bound, as though such were the absolute condition of a strong synodical government; while they ridicule, as a chain of sand, the rule of the divine word by which hearts are enlisted and impelled to work by love.

Synods, it is true, are sometimes employed with things concerning which no special command of God is given, but which must none the less receive attention. In view of these it seems necessary after all, for the sake of uniformity and undisturbed co-operation, that the Synod be clothed with legislative powers. But this only seems to be so. In such cases the duty is to convince brethren, not to drive them by force. The more our congregations are advanced in the knowledge of the Gospel, the less can be accomplished among them by means of Synodical laws and commandments; for he who has truly learned to know of Jesus that He is the Lord, will allow no commandments of men to be bound upon his conscience. So much the easier however will it be to convince such congregations, in cases where the aim is to arrange and introduce things for the common good. If the hearts of brethren have been won in favor of any proposed work, it will be done joyfully and energetically, as it can not possibly be if the effort be made to drive and compel the people of God by any usurpation of human fullness of power. "Accordingly we believe, teach and confess," as it is written in our Formula of Concord (698, 9) (Newmarket ed. pp. 706) concerning things indifferent, "that in all places and at all times, the Church of God has authority and power, according to circumstances, to alter, to diminish, or to increase these ceremonies, if it is done decently and in order, without levity and offence, as it may at any time be deemed most useful, profitable and conducive to good order, Christian discipline, evangelical propriety, and to the edification of the Church." To weaken the force of this either way would be equally unwise and unjust. Let not our common work be done in a slavish manner, because we must, but because by the grace of God we will.

It is our joy and our comfort, that the Lord Himself is in our midst, and that He carries on His work among us. What we want is, that He, our Lord and King, rule in our Synod by means of His Word. This Word will we urge and press here in our synodical conventions and at home in our congregations. In the light of this Word will we counsel, resolve and labor. Unto us, whose will is to serve Him alone, and who rely upon His grace, He will grant His blessing and He will prosper the work of our hands.

On account of the many important matters that will occupy the attention of Synod, it will perhaps be impossible at this convention, to devote much time to our usually so interesting doctrinal discussions. The proposed new constitution, that according to the resolution adopted two years ago, is to be taken under consideration at this meeting, would alone occupy several sessions. However since that time the course of events has been such, that it would perhaps be advisable first to dispose of another matter. The Synodical Conference has adopted a resolution submitting to all the Synods belonging to that body the question concerning the organization of State Synods and recommending such organization wherever it may be found practicable. This matter is now before our Synod. If therefore this body should see proper to adopt the proposed plan and to take immediate steps toward carrying the same into effect, it would probably become necessary to change a number of things in the constitution. Consequently it might be advisable to dispose of this subject before the proposed new constitution is taken under consideration. No doubt the Synod will be heartily prepared to devote to this proposition of the Synodical Conference the earnest attention that its great importance for our Church in this country demands.

From a document submitted by the President of the Ev. Luth. Concordia Synod of Virginia and accompanying this report, it appears that that body has resolved to apply for admission into our Synod, as our second English District, and that this resolution has been referred to its congregations for final action. Not all the congregations, however, have yet acted in the matter, and therefore the application is not before us in such a form as to make it possible for the reception to take place now. In the mean time it could be effected conditionally. This I take the liberty to recommend. We already have several laborers in that field, and the indications are that God has opened a way there for our carrying on the work with efficiency.

A chief work in which we are co-operating and which for the sake of the Lord and His redeemed we must carry on, is that of education. What the condition of our institutions is the Synod will learn from reports to be submitted. What great things the Lord has done for us in this direction is known to all, and for this we, who are unworthy of all His mercy and faithfulness, praise Him with heart and soul. But how much yet remains to be done, in which it is still the will of our gracious God to make use of us, will likewise appear from statements to be made. God grant that we may not let the work dishearten us, and that we may not grow weary before the time of rest shall have come!

I take the liberty to call attention to two points only in reference to this matter.

The first is the proposal of the Synodical Conference to establish a common theological seminary for all its Synods, in which provision shall be made for the English as well as for the German interests. Of course in case such a plan should be adopted and carried into effect, it would become necessary to provide, that in all the colleges of the Synodical Conference the college course be so arranged and the aim to be attained so defined that students would be prepared to enter such a seminary. Whatever the several brethren may have thought or may now think of this proposal, it is beyond all doubt worthy of careful consideration. May the Lord help us that in this matter we may judge wisely.

The other point is in regard to our beneficiary arrangement. Dissatisfaction with our present system is growing manifest more and more. Many young men, it is thought, are supported from the institution treasury, who could help themselves, if they were only constrained to depend more upon their own efforts to supply their needs, instead of resorting to the easy accommodation of simply bringing complaint concerning their wants to the attention of the Faculty, and asking for support. It must indeed not be supposed that the Faculty is so careless in employing the funds in its trust as to grant support from the treasury to every one who makes application for it, without having beforehand been convinced that help is needed. Yet the subject is of sufficient importance to be discussed once more. Perhaps it might be possible to discover and to carry into effect a better plan.

The Synod should beyond doubt be concerned about establishing necessary benevolent, as well as necessary educational institutions. For a long time already the question concerning the founding of an Orphan's Home has been agitated among us, and some funds are now at our disposal for this purpose. Perhaps the present might not be the most convenient time to accomplish such an undertaking, inasmuch as money is needed everywhere. Yet if the Synod should be convinced that such an institution is really needed among us, it might still begin the work with confidence in the Lord's help.

Besides the subjects for consideration herein indicated, still others of no trivial signification are before us. It is apparent from all this how very important our present convention is. May the faithful God and Savior grant grace, that we may consult and resolve in regard to these things with true deliberation and earnestness, and then may His blessing be added into our work, Amen,

M. Loy.

After the above report had been heard with the usual interest and attention, the following officers were elected:

President.....Prof. M. Loy.
Vice President.....Prof. W. F. Lehmann.
German Rec. Secretary.....Pastor C. Huebner.
English Rec. Secretary.....Pastor H. A. Becker.
Corresponding Secretary.....Prof. E. Schmid.
Treasurer.....Mr. H. J. Klingler.

Inasmuch as an unusual amount of important business claimed the attention of this Synod, the usual very interesting and highly edifying discussions of doctrine were crowded out. Much as this omission was regretted on the part of many, it soon became apparent during the sessions, that the transaction of business, requiring an unusual amount of time and labor, made it entirely unavoidable.

Before the several committees were announced by the President, Pastor Th. H. Jaeger presented, by the permission of Synod, a statement concerning the want of his congregation in Lawrenceburg, Ind., and commended it to the help and prayers of all the brethren.

The following committees were thereupon announced:

1. Committee, on President's Report and Report on our Institutions—Prof. W. F. Lehmann, and Pastors: W. C. H. Luebkert, J. A. Schulze, Fr. zur Muehlen, E. Cronenwett, and Lay delegates: H. J. Klingler and John Schmidt.

2. Committee, on Minutes of the several Districts and of Joint Synod—Pastors: G. F. H. Meiser, R. Herbst, Th. Jaeger, and Lay delegates: H. Reiselt and John Gruebler.

3. Committee, on Excuses of Pastors and Congregations—Pastors: A. Buerkle, P. A. Peter, Prof. C. H. L. Schuette, and Lay delegates: Peter Bowe and John Schell.

4. Committee, on Reports of Treasurers of the Institution and Orphans Home—Pastors: G. H. Trebel, L. A. Detzer, W. J. Schroyer, and Lay delegates: H. Chairsell and H. Schoenefelt.

5. Committee, on the Treasury Report of the Synod's Book and Publishing Agent—Pastors: H. F. Belser, G. Baughman, H. Henkel, and Lay delegates: Chr. Voege and A. Rauber.

6. Committee, on Treasurer's Report of the Pastors' Widows and Orphans Treasury—Pastors: G. Loewenstein, C. Buechler, G. W. Umbaugh, and Lay delegates: J. Hittel and Isaac Roser.

7. Committee, on Lutheran Child's Paper Treasury Report—Pastors: A. S. Bartholomew, G. Yung, J. M. Koepplin, and Lay delegates: H. Boose and Benj. Sult.

8. Committee, on Report of the Missionary Treasurer—Pastors: A. Michaelis, G. E. Buchholz, G. Weber, and Lay delegates: F. Siebert and P. M. Motz.

9. Committee, on Report of the Treasurer of Joint Synod—Pastors: J. J. Sutter, E. A. Boehme, B. E. Kemmer, and Lay delegates: A. Abel and G. P. Frank.

A. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES,

Together with the Annexed Action and Resolutions of Synod.

One of the papers in the hands of the First Committee is the following:

REPORT ON OUR INSTITUTIONS AT COLUMBUS.

Inasmuch as under the gracious guidance of God the Synod of Ohio and other States is permitted to meet once more, and justly expects to hear a report concerning the Institutions, that are in fact her own children, a statement of their present condition is herewith respectfully submitted, in the name of the College and Seminary Faculty, that the Synod may obtain the needful knowledge of the state of affairs, give suitable directions, and adopt the measures demanded accordingly.

We can truthfully say that the general state of the institutions is satisfactory. The number of Grammar school and College students is somewhat larger than it has been for years; the whole number is *sixty-five*, of whom *fourteen* are seminary students. The number of the latter has, it is true, decreased in the past year by one-third, but this is to be ascribed primarily to the circumstance, that this year the unusually small number of only *two* has been promoted from the College to the Seminary, and that the great need of a number of vacant congregations has occasioned the dismission of an unusual number of Seminary students.

In our new building the maintaining of good order is much facilitated, inasmuch as the surroundings are radically different and more quiet than at our former location, and communication with dissipating influences in Columbus is materially impeded. With a few immaterial exceptions that occurred soon after our removal into the new building, there has been, thank God, no cause to complain on account of sickness. The neighborhood seems to be in all respects fully as healthy and pleasant as was expected, and is indeed all that could be desired in this direction. In the main our new building, together with its surroundings, is regarded by all as very convenient, pleasant and well located.

Since the last convention in Hamilton the building, begun in God's name, has with much labor been completed. The boarding house, a professor's residence and the college building are all finished; the yard has been improved and provided with the needed fencing and walks. Latterly too the street on the West side of the grounds has been straightened and radically improved. While upon the one hand this has cut off a narrow strip of the college grounds, it has on the other added materially to the beauty of the entire view and arrangement.

Of course these buildings and improvements, although needless expenditures have been avoided, and the effort has been to provide those things only that our resources would allow and the state of affairs demand, have nevertheless occasioned great outlays, insomuch that an accumulated debt has been unavoidable. The predictions indicated in the circular of last spring, distributed by order of the Board of Directors, have since been verified. The $35,000 received on the sale of the old college property, together with smaller sums that were yet contained in the Seminary and College Treasury, as well as other amounts and mites at our disposal by way of loans for several years, partly with, but also partly without interest, still leave us in debt (we give these statements in round numbers) to the amount of $20,000, that is inclusive of $10,000 that have already been borrowed; the expenditures will accordingly reach the sum of $55,000. Now to provide these $20,000 some sort of measures must be taken, and that at an early date; for in spite of continuous and earnest effort during the recent past, we have not succeeded in securing a loan for any considerable length of time. The Synod is therefore urgently requested to support the Board of Directors with counsel and assistance, and this all the more because $6,000 would yet be needed if the church that is now under roof, and other things, are to be completed, which we are constrained to regard as urgently demanded. We therefore take the liberty to ask: shall the church be finished now, and if so, how?

The entire income from all sources, inclusive of some $10,000 of borrowed money, amounts to nearly $50,000, all of which, excepting a small remainder of several hundred dollars, has been expended for building purposes.

Concerning the state of the Institution Treasury, the object of which is to meet current expenses, including those of the household, the several reports will contain more accurate information and will enable the Synod to ascertain what is to be done in this direction. At all events the new order of things, by which the whole arrangement assumes an improved form and a satisfactory management of the house

regulations is made possible, will demand decided incitement and amplification of the liberality of our congregations in support of the institution.

As was announced at the time in the church papers, the removal from the old to the new building occurred during the first week of last May, and the latter was consecrated with appropriate festivities in connection with the annual commencement festivities of the present year. For want of means the library has hitherto remained in the chaotic state in which it existed immediately after the removal. This dare not continue! As soon as possible a change should be effected, that the books may be arranged so that they can be used. What shall be done? Could not some provision be made at this convention for supplying the literary room with proper furniture?

The relation of beneficiaries to the Synod might also be more definitely arranged. It is to be regretted that an abundant number of cases occur in which the urgent need of this is manifest. Would it not be proper at present to determine to what extent they shall be held responsible for money applied to their support, and whether in *all*, or at least in what cases, the refunding of such money shall be demanded? Above all things however it is to be desired, that *here* and *now*, if possible, it be determined *in what manner* the necessary means of support shall hereafter be procured, *whether directly for the benefit of individuals from certain congregations*, or as hitherto for the *common* benefit.

In view of the desire and expectation of some, that a union or harmonizing, in short, a regulated co-operation of the various churchly institutions belonging to the Synodical Conference, might be effected, it would perhaps also be proper to examine and ventilate this matter with all earnestness, for the sake of coming, as soon as possible, to an agreement and clear understanding of the subject concerned.

The state of discipline and order in the house has been in the main satisfactory since the removal, and will, we hope, by the help of God, in the course of time, when everything shall have assumed a permanent course and stability, become so more and more.

Finally it may yet be mentioned, that since the choice of a housefather or Director, as the Synod desired, the former boarding arrangement has been radically changed, and is now fully under the control of the College Faculty, by whom Mr. Heidman, of Delaware, O., has been chosen to the position of regular steward and manager.

At this convention an election of members of the Board of Directors is likewise to occur,—a matter that should not be forgotten.

Hitherto the Lord in His unspeakable grace has helped and blessed us richly and beyond all expectation. Let it be our humble prayer that He may also help us in the future. May He impart unto the Synod abundant wisdom for the performance of its work; especially however may He reveal to her His will concerning her institutions, that these may be directed by His counsel, made to subserve His glory, and at all times remain faithful to their high calling.

Respectfully,

W. F. LEHMANN,
President of the Institution.

Columbus, O., Oct. 20., A. D. 1876.

REPORT OF THE FIRST COMMITTEE.

The documents referred to this committee are: First, the President's Report, together with a communication of the Ev. Luth. Concordia Synod of Virginia; second, a report on our institutions.

In regard to No. 1, we take the liberty to suggest, that after a timely and instructive introduction the following important points are set forth:

a. Concerning the formation of State Synods.

We are certainly of the opinion that this is a laudable aim, to reach which we should all earnestly strive; yet we regard it as our duty, inasmuch as the project is as yet new to many, and not clearly understood by others, to recommend that it be first diligently discussed in our congregations, at united conferences and by the District Synods. We therefore also move, that the proposed new constitution be accordingly postponed.

b. Concerning the reception of the Ev. Luth. Concordia Synod of Virginia, we move that we will cordially welcome this Synod as a *Second English District* in our body, as soon as it shall have taken the steps yet needed for its union with us, and such shall have been officially communicated to the President of our Joint Synod who shall thereupon announce the reception in our church papers.

c. Pertaining to the proposal of the Synodical Conference to establish a common Seminary for all the Synods in its connection, we are persuaded that this matter should be subjected to a most careful consideration, and that no decision should be made, until some definite plan is submitted, although beyond all doubt the proposal, if properly carried out, has very much in its favor. In our judgment however the question regarding the union of Synods should previously be disposed of.

d. The next item pertains to the beneficiary arrangement.

For the present we regard it as better, to retain the system of collecting in the congregations; at the same time however individual pastoral charges, that desire to undertake the support of students, should have the privilege of doing so. If the latter plan should prove desirable, it can afterwards easily be brought into more general use, without by the introduction of a new system disturbing present operations, and thereby bringing, even though but temporarily, difficulties upon ourselves.

e. The establishing of an Orphan's Home. It is to be deplored that this work has not made more progress among us. We therefore advise that at this time this subject be more fully considered by the Synod.

f. Acknowledging the diligence and faithfulness with which our worthy President has administered his office, we finally propose that his report be published with our minutes.

2. As stated above, the Report concerning our institutions is also in our hands. In this report we note the following:

a. It is a source of pleasure, *that* (aside from the debt resting on the building) *in the main our Institution is in a prosperous condition* and that in every respect improvement has been made; that also the new building has been securely finished and has proven satisfactory in its arrangement, for which we are under obligation to render under unto the Lord our most heartfelt gratitude.

b. For the liquidation of the pressing debt early provision should be made, and we are aware of no more effective plan than the collecting of gifts in the form of money and acceptable loans, without unnecessary delay, through a competent agent. Inasmuch however as the debt is an urgent one, it would be very desirable for the Synod to propose some present relief, until the most necessary amounts could be collected. Besides this, the question in the report in regard to the completion of the church in the vicinity of the college, should receive attention.

c. In addition to all these things we regard it as exceedingly important, *that our pastors and congregations by no means neglect their collections to meet current expenses*, but if possible attend to these with increased zeal, lest while the debt is decreased on the one hand, it be increased on the other.

d. We can not avoid calling attention to the fact, *that the present condition of the library*, as the report states, demands early provision, —another reason that should incite the zeal to which reference is made in the above mentioned connection.

e. The Relation of Beneficiaries to our Synod. The ways and

means by which they shall be supported are already provided by the above. The question however yet remains: What shall we do in cases of unfaithfulness, either to their calling as ministers, or to the Lutheran confession?

Our recommendation is, that all beneficiaries shall, at the time when they are received, be obligated to repay into the Treasury the amount expended for their support, that however this obligation shall be enforced in those cases only in which unfaithfulness in either of the above named respects shall have occurred.

f. It might be well if the Director of the institution would favor the Synod with a *brief description of the present boarding plan*, and we herewith recommend this.

g. The vacancies in the Board of Directors, occasioned by the expiration of the term for which W. F. Lehmann, R. Herbst, F. Groth and J. A. Schulze had been elected, are to be filled by an election at this Synod.

h. It is perhaps proper, that on the part of the Synod an expression be given in regard to the election of a Director and Steward, that occurred since its last convention.

i. Finally we move that the Report on the Institutions be published with the minutes of this Synod.

In conclusion we yet desire to commend the very important interests of our institution to the faithful prayers and heartfelt co-operation of the Synod and of all other brethren in the faith.

The Committee,

W. F. Lehmann, E. Cronenwett,
W. C. H. Luebkert, H. J. Klingler,
J. A. Schulze, John Schmidt.
F. Zur Muehlen.

This important report was received for consideration and considered item by item.

In regard to the first division of the report, item *a*, it was remarked, that the very great importance and significance of the subject forbids the postponement of the plan for the formation of State Synods, and demands that this Synod should take action in regard to the matter at once. It would by no means be proper, nor would it facilitate the matter, to submit the subject to our congregations at present, but it is our business now properly to survey the proposal and urgent notice of the Synodical Conference. The Joint Synod is the proper body to consider the subject, for the purpose of obtaining an unclouded view of the difficulties to be encountered and their possible removal, and of finding a definite plan, which could then be submitted to the congre-

gations in a more tangible and a clearer form. Of course the Joint Synod can not pass any binding or final action concerning the matter, inasmuch as it has no power to interfere with the rights of congregations. So also this Synod can not conduct the affair alone, without being aware of the consent of the other Synods concerned. In the mean time however an immediate thorough discussion might accomplish at least so much, as to enable each individual among us to obtain an unobstructed view of the real intent and true significance of the things proposed by the Synodical Conference; and in this way alone a definite plan can be found upon which the end proposed is to be realized.

On the other hand it was remarked: that according to the proposals and resolutions of the Synodical Conference there is for us no present necessity of making an immediate and final disposition of the subject under consideration, without being properly prepared on our part. Desirable as the agreement or union, at which the proposal aims, would indeed be, the nature of the subject nevertheless demands that every step to be taken in advance should previously be understood with perfect clearness, and that by a discussion most deliberate and thorough and free from all precipitation the matter might be brought to notority, so that it may not be a self made human work, but the fruit of unity in the faith that works by love. Besides this, it is a matter that concerns the congregations particularly; and therefore it can in no wise be begun without their consent. With special emphasis the statement was added, that in this connection the question is not as to be whether either one of the Synods now in existence shall absorb all the others, so that these would be nothing more than districts in the absorbing body, but that the present proposal demands a total dissolution of the existing Synods, a reconstruction of the Synodical Conference into its own organic branch bodies, whose individual branches shall constitute State Synods. It would therefore be needless, and indeed unjust also, if we should, in order on our part to promote the plan under consideration, confer for example with the Missouri Synod to the exclusion of others, and enter upon a particular agreement with that Synod without having any reference or regard the other Synods in the Synodical Conference. For in this matter the whole Synodical Conference is equally concerned, and only by a common and united effort of the whole Synodical Conference can a truly salutary realization of the plan under consideration be obtained.

While upon the other hand it was admitted that this is indeed the final end and aim of the entire plan, it was however remarked, that an agreement, or even a union, of some of the Synods concerned might

certainly be reached, and that this would by no means hinder that final aim, but would even be a decided step toward the same. The Synods of Ohio and Missouri are the very bodies that are suffering from evils occasioned by the territory of the one extending over into that of another, and therefore the former, especially on account of its English District, will meet with very special difficulties in disposing of these evils. These are difficulties entirely unknown to the other Synods of the Synodical Conference, consequently to be discussed chiefly with the Synod of Missouri. Our Synod certainly has reason to cherish the hope that these difficulties might be removed by conferring with the Synod of Missouri, inasmuch as that Synod is specially concerned, while by drawing into the discussion the other Synods, that have no concern whatever in these things, the work would not be promoted, but rather hindered and rendered needlessly difficult.

At this point in the discussion the Synod adopted the following:

Resolved, That a committee, consisting of Professors M. Loy, W. F. Lehmann, C. H. L. Schuette, Pastors G. F. H. Meiser and H. F. Belser, be appointed to prepare proposals on this subject and report at one of the sessions of this present Synod.

To this committee was also referred item *c.* of the first division of the First Committee's report.

The following is the report of this committee:

Your committee takes the liberty to submit to the Synod the proposition, that a committee be appointed, which, together with a similar committee to be appointed by the Synod of Missouri, shall discuss, and if possible prepare, a plan of union upon something like the following basis, which plan shall be submitted to the respective Synods.

a. The two Synods of Ohio and Missouri shall for the present continue to exist, until the formation of State Synods can be generally effected, to which and we will henceforth labor with all faithfulness.

b. The boundary line between these two Joint Synods shall be the Eastern boundary of Michigan, Indiana and Kentucky and the Northern boundary of Kentucky, Tennessee and North Carolina—and the territory of the Joint Synod, East and North of these boundary lines shall as soon as practicable be devided into State Synods; the English Districts of our Synod however shall not for the present be limited within these boundaries.

c. Both Joint Synods shall have two seminaries in common, the one for the training of ministers and the other for teachers, which shall be under the supervision of the Synodical Conference,—provided that at least two English Professors shall be employed in the Seminary for ministers, and that in the seminary for teachers adequate provision shall be made to meet the wants of the English interests.

d. The Colleges of the several Synods shall be conducted on the basis of the same course of instruction, in which thorough training in both the German and English languages shall be provided.

Respectfully, the Committee,

M. Loy, C. H. L. Schuette,
W. F. Lehmann, H. F. Belser.
G. F. H. Meiser,

This report was received, and, after having been considered item by item, adopted as a whole.

The committee, the appointing of which is recommended in the report, to confer with the Missouri Synod, consists of the following: Prof. M. Loy, Prof. W. F. Lehmann, Pastor G. F. H. Meiser, Pastor H. Lang, and Pastor F. zur Muehlen.

In connection with item *b*, of the first division of the First Committee's report, it was

Resolved, That in case the Ev. Luth. Concordia Synod of Virginia shall have been received by this Synod, the two English Districts shall be at liberty to establish their own boundary lines.

In connection with item *e*, *respecting the establishing of an Orphans' Home*, it was

Resolved, To make immediate provision for beginning the work of establishing such an institution without delay;

Also to elect a committee whose duty it shall be to submit a plan at this Synod for carrying into effect the provision of the above resolution.

This Committee submitted the following:

REPORT OF THE ORPHANS' HOME COMMITTEE.

Your committee, appointed to prepare a plan according to which the prospective Orphans' Home is to be conducted, proposes the following:

1. The Orphans' Home shall be erected on the 50 acres of land near Columbus and belonging to our College, which parcel of land shall be purchased for this purpose.

2. The orphans to be received into the Home shall be primarily such only as have lost both parents; as soon however as it shall have become practicable such as have lost one parent only shall not be excluded.

3. Orphans belonging to our congregations shall have the first right; but whenever our space and means shall have become adequate, other orphans shall also be received.

4. Orphans applying for reception must not be above 14 years of age, and must remain until they have been confirmed; excepting in cases for which proper provision can otherwise be secured.

5. The Home shall provide, that the children shall after their confirmation be introduced into a proper calling, in which they shall remain under the supervision of the Home until they shall have become of age.

6. The supervision of the Orphans' Home shall be committed to a Board consisting of six persons, who are to be elected by the Joint Synod and are to be held responsible by the same.

Respectfully, the Committee,

G. F. H. Meiser, H. F. Belser,
R. Herbst, John Schmidt.
H. J. Klingler,

This report was received, and, after mature deliberation, *adopted* by the vote of the entire Synod, with the single exception of Pastor L. A. Detzer, who voted against it and desired that it should be so recorded in the minutes.

It was therefore

Resolved, To discharge this committee and to elect a permanent Board of Orphans' Home Directors, whose duty it shall be to carry into effect the provisions made by the Synod and to take the whole matter into their hands.

The election resulted as follows:

The brethren John Schmidt and John Spielmann were elected for the term of six years; Pastors G. Cronenwett and G. H. Trebel for the term of four years; and Prof. Th. Mees and Peter Schille for the term of two years.

It was also

Resolved, That this Board shall be authorized to fill vacancies occasioned by the death of any of its members or by any other unavoidable circumstances.

Farther

Resolved, That an Agent shall be appointed, who shall visit all the congregations in the Synod to collect funds for the Orphans' Home, and who shall be responsible primarily to the Board of Directors of the Home; his annual salary shall be $400 and his travelling expenses shall be defrayed.

The election held pursuant to the above resolution resulted in the unanimous election of Pastor H. J. Schuh, who also declared his willingness to accept the call as soon as his congregation would dismiss him.

It was

Resolved, In connection with the second part of the First Committee's report, item *b*, that the Board of Directors (of Capital University of Columbus, O.) is herewith empowered to pursue the course that may commend itself as most expedient in providing funds to meet the indebtedness resting on our Institutions, and that said Board is also especially empowered to give a mortgage upon the property in case of necessity.

Also

Resolved, That the church, begun in the vicinity of the Institution, shall be completed at the earliest possible time at which the necessary means shall be at hand; that however immediate provision shall be made to protect the building against damage.

Also

Resolved, That those persons whose duty it is to conduct divine service in the Institution and church, (for which purpose the Synod elected, besides the Director, F. Groth, who conducts the services in German, Prof. Lehmann to conduct services in English) shall observe the old Lutheran responsive service provided in our Liturgy.

Also

Resolved, That Prof. Th. Mees shall be requested to impart instruction in liturgical music, having special reference to the liturgical services of our church.

In regard to item *d.* of the second part of the report it was

Resolved, That a collection be held among the brethren present, to provide furniture for our college library room.

Pursuant to this the amount of $62.50 was collected.

Also

Resolved, That the brethren not present at this Synod be informed of this collection by the Secretary, and requested to send in their contributions.

Pursuant to item *f.* of the second part of the First Committee's report, Director Groth made statements explaining the present building and boarding arrangement at our Institution. Prof. Lehmann afterwards repeated the statements in substance in the English language.

Pursuant to item *g.* the following members of the Board of Directors were elected for six years: Prof. W. F. Lehmann, Pastor R. Herbst, Pastor G. F. H. Meiser, and Pastor H. Lang.

Pursuant to item *h.* the election on the part of the Board of Directors of Pastor F. Groth as Director and Mr. Heidman as Steward was approved by the Synod.

Before the final adoption of this report of the First Committee as a whole, it was

Resolved, That this Synod herewith tenders an expression of thanks to the Building Committee for the manifold labors performed by the same.

After all the items of the report had been separately considered and adopted, the report was finally adopted as a whole.

REPORT OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE.

The papers in the hands of your committee are: The minutes of the Synodical Conference, A. D. 1875; of the Eastern District, 1876; of the Western District, 1876; of the Southern District, 1875 and

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1876; of the Northern District, 1875 and 1876; of the English District, 1874 and 1875; and of the Joint Synod, 1874.

In the minutes of the Joint Synod we find the following requiring attention: 1. That four theses on exchange of pulpits, and also theses on the Antichrist, were yet before the Synod for discussion; 2. Page 19, that the matter of the new constitution is to be decided finally at this Synod. Your committee moves that this matter be laid on the table for an indefinite period; 3. Page 20, it is stated that a committee has been appointed to prepare a new English hymnbook. We move that this committee report now; 4. Page 21, it is stated that the report of a committee on Home Missions is to be heard at this Synod. Inasmuch, however, as this subject can not well be arranged at this time, your committee moves, that the matter be referred to the next Synod.

Respectfully,
G. F. H. Meiser, Th. Jæger,
R. Herbst, H. Reiselt.

This report was considered item by item and adopted as a whole. The hymnbook committee reported that the work thus far completed was not sufficient to enable the committee to submit proof sheets. The committee requested the Synod to extend the time in which to complete the work imposed. Accordingly it was

Resolved, The committee, as at present constituted, shall be continued until its task shall have been completed; and shall be authorized to fill vacancies if the necessity should occur.

Inasmuch as during the consideration of the report attention was called to the amount of $74.00 for which the English District is indebted to the Joint Synod, it was

Resolved, That the Treasurer shall be authorized to cancel this debt.

REPORT OF THIRD COMMITTEE.

This report was in reference to absent Pastors and congregations who had failed to send delegates. Inasmuch as many Pastors were absent at this Synod, and many congregations were not represented by delegates, the Synod did not see proper to consider in detail the somewhat lengthy report of this committee. Therefore

Resolved, That those pastors and congregations that have, as the constitution requires, sent in valid excuses, shall be excused; but that those who have sent in no excuse whatever, or none that could be admitted as valid, are herewith earnestly reproved.

REPORT OF FOURTH COMMITTEE.

Your committee, to whom the reports of the Treasurer of the Institution Treasury, the Orphans' Home Treasury, and the Treasury

of funds to furnish rooms in the college building were referred, has compared books and papers at hand, and found all correct. Your committee moves that these reports be published with our minutes. Your committee also embraces this opportunity to submit a question to the Joint Synod:

Would it not be expedient, in the way of economizing our time, and so also enabling us to devote more attention to the discussion of doctrinal questions, if in the future all business matters were referred to *one* committee only?—This committee might be appointed by the President. It might begin its task several days before the beginning of the sessions. The several Treasurers would be under obligation to attend the meetings of this committee. This committee would in this way be enabled to submit all business matters in such a form, that the Synod could dispose of them in a much shorter time than heretofore. The name of this committee might be: The Advance Committee of the Joint Synod.

Respectfully,

G. H. Trebel, H. Chairsell,
L. A. Detzer, H. Schœnefelt.
W. J. Schroyer,

The report was adopted as submitted. Pursuant to the question however no farther action was taken.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE INSTITUTION TREASURY.

DATED OCTOBER 17, 1874, to OCT. 24, 1876.

Balance in treasury at last settlement and income since that time	$15,332 05
Disbursements.....	16,347 38
Deficit.....	$1,015 33

Remark: The Treasurer has in hand an education fund of $1000, bequeathed for this purpose by the last will and testament of Jacob Pfeiffer, (deceased) of Delaware, O.

The obligations of this treasury amount at present to some $900.

Richmond, Ind., Oct. 25, 1876.

C. H. L. Schuette.

Prof. Schuette was re-elected Treasurer of the Institution Treasury.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE ORPHANS' HOME TREASURY.

Balance in treasury at last settlement, and income since that time.....	$314 15
In hands of Treasurer, bequeathed by Jacob Pfeiffer (deceased).....	500 00
Amount in treasury.....	$814 15

Richmond, Ind., Oct. 26, 1876.

C. H. L. Schuette, *Treasurer.*

Remark: The passage from the last will and testament of Jacob Pfeiffer (deceased) of Delaware, O., having reference to bequests made to our Synod for vari-

ous purposes therein mentioned, was read in the hearing of Synod, and it was thereupon

Resolved, That this passage of the will be published with our minutes, that it may serve as a worthy example and encouragement to other testators. The passage in question is as follows:

EXTRACT FROM THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF JACOB PFEIFFER (deceased).

DATED: DELAWARE, O., FEB. 23, A. D. 1875.

1. I herewith give and bequeath, out of this my remaining property, to the Board of Directors of the Ev. Luth. Theological Seminary, of Columbus, O., which Seminary is in connection with Capital University of the same place, and is under the supervision of the Synod known as the Ev. Luth. Joint Synod of Ohio and other States, the sum of $2000.00 (say Two Thousand Dollars), the same to be faithfully held, administered and applied to purposes of Christian benevolence mentioned as follows:

a. The one half of this sum, $1000.00 (say One Thousand Dollars) shall be a *capital securely invested for the benefit of beneficiary students in the Seminary, who have in view the holy office of the ministry*, so that the interest of this capital shall be paid into the Education Treasury, and applied to the training of such students.

b. $500.00 (say Five Hundred Dollars) of this sum shall be invested as capital for the benefit of an Orphan's Home to be erected within the bounds of said Synod, the interest of which shall annually be applied to the support of the needy orphans in the Home.

c. The remaining $500.00 (say Five Hundred Dollars) shall be invested as *capital for the benefit of the Pastors' Widows and Orphans Treasury*, within the bounds of said Synod, so that the interest thereof shall annually flow into the said Pastors', Widows and Orphans Treasury.

This said sum of $2000.00 (say Two Thousand Dollars) for the three purposes above said, I herewith give and bequeath to the said Board of Directors as Trustees, to be administered as above said, and for which these Trustees shall be responsible to the Ev. Luth. Joint Synod of Ohio and other States, and not to an earthly court.

Delaware, O., Feb. 23, A. D. 1875.

JACOB PFEIFFER.

That the above is a correct copy of the original is herewith attested by

E. CRONENWETT.

Delaware, O., Oct. 24, A. D. 1876.

I herewith certify that the above is a correct copy of what it purports to be—a portion of the last will and testament of *Jacob Pfeiffer*, of Delaware, O., signed Delaware, O., Feb. 23, A. D. 1875, and probated in this office on the 1st day of December 1875.

(L. S.) F. B. SPRAGUE, *Probate Judge*.

REPORT OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE.

Your committee, to whom was committed the report of our book agent and his substitute, Mr. J. J. Gassmann, in which the condition of the Kirchenzeitung and book treasuries is presented, reports respectfully as follows:

We have examined the accounts and found all correct. The present condition of the two treasuries is the following:

A. THE KIRCHENZEITUNG TREASURY.

Number of subscribers	2769
Copies exchanged and mailed gratis	49
Whole number published	2818
Income	$5233 45
Expenditures	5256 78
Indebtedness	$23 33

To this must be added a debt for paper of $176.25, which increases the amount of indebtedness to $199.58.

Remark: In the expenditures of this Treasury is included the sum of $2075.00 that has been paid into the Institution Treasury.

B. THE BOOK TREASURY.

Amount of receipts	$3254 21
Expenditures	3438 38
Indebtedness	$184 17

Remark: Amount due to the Treasury for books sold on time $2007.50. Value of books in hands of agent $1071.00.

Regarding this Treasury your committee takes the liberty to move the following:

1. *Resolved,* That this Synod herewith tenders an expression of thanks to Pastor J. A. Schulze and Mr. J. J. Gassmann for their conscientious and faithful administration of this laborious office.

2. *Resolved,* Inasmuch as Mr. J. J. Gassmann has been appointed by the Board of Directors of our Institution as our book agent only until this meeting of Synod, and therefore his term of office has now expired, that the Synod appoint a new agent whose duty it shall also be to conduct the business of the Kirchenzeitung; and we recommend Mr. Gassmann as the person to whom the Synod entrust this business hereafter.

3. *Resolved,* That the book agent shall henceforth dispose of books for cash only, and that he shall not be held responsible for losses over which he has no control.

4. *Resolved,* That Prof. W. F. Lehmann and Director Groth be and are herewith appointed a supervisory board, to whom the book agent shall submit his account every three months, and by whom he shall be held responsible.

5. *Resolved,* That we call renewed attention to the importance of increasing the circulation of the Kirchenzeitung, not only on account of the spiritual blessing to our people who read it with diligence, though this is indeed at all times the chief end to be sought, but also on account of the by no means undesirable assistance accruing to our Institution Treasury, into which all the surplus profit flows. Therefore all our Pastors and Lay delegates are urgently requested to labor with all earnestness in increasing the circulation of the Kirchenzeitung, until every home

in our congregations shall have been supplied with the paper. If others can accomplish so desirable a thing, why not we also? Let the effort be made with earnestness, and we shall succeed.

Respectfully the Committee,

H. F. Belser, Chr. Vœge,
G. Baughman, A. Rauber.
H. Henkel,

After the reception and adoption of this report the Synod elected by a unanimous vote Mr. J. J. Gassmann as its book agent, and adopted the resolution, by which his salary is to remain the same as that allowed to our book agent hitherto, viz.: $200 per annum for services in connection with the Kirchenzeitung and 10 per cent. of the proceeds of the sale of books.

In intimate relation with the above report of the Fifth Committee, and therefore also adopted by, and to be embodied into the minutes of this Synod, is the following:

REPORT OF THE EDITING COMMITTEE OF THE LUTH. KIRCHENZEITUNG.

The undersigned Editing Committee of the German organ of this Synod herewith takes the liberty to submit the following report:

The number of subscribers has been encouragingly *increased*. It now reaches 2769. Besides this number 49 copies are exchanged and mailed gratis. Therefore the whole number of each edition is 2818 copies.

Concerning the state of the Treasury the present business editor, Mr. J. J. Gassmann, will submit a report in detail. Yet we can not permit this opportunity to pass by without pointing out the advantage our Institution Treasury would gain, if the number of subscribers to the Kirchenzeitung could be made larger still, as it *very easily could and also should be*. Even now, when the number of subscribers is comparatively small, the treasury of the Kirchenzeitung has been to the other *often empty* treasuries of the Synod *a real friend in need*, without whom things would often have assumed an exceedingly uninviting appearance. But this treasury might accomplish much more still, if the means were at hand. These means would be increased by the sending in of but *one* new subscriber. The importance therefore of increasing the list of subscribers is clearly presented.

Regarding what the Kirchenzeitung has otherwise accomplished we have no opinion to submit; yet we cherish the hope, that in the dissemination of pure doctrine and in the building up of the Lutheran Church in this country it has also contributed something. It would notwithstanding be very desirable, that, by the increasingly zealous

co-operation of the brethren in the Synod, to whom such would be possible if they but had the will, our paper should *from within* and *from without* increase constantly in power and influence!

In conclusion we remark, that one member of the Editing Committee, Pastor J. A. Schulze, has removed from Columbus. Farther arrangements with reference to this committee are now to be made by the Synod.

Respectfully the Committee,

W. F. Lehmann, E. Schmid,
J. A. Schulze.

The election of an Editing Committee, to which the above report gave occasion, resulted in the re-election of Prof. W. F. Lehmann and Prof. E. Schmid. In reference to the third member of the Editing Committee it was

Resolved, That hereafter the Editing Committee of the Luth. Kirchenzeitung shall consist of two instead of three members, as heretofore.

REPORT OF THE SIXTH COMMITTEE.

Your committee has in hand the Treasury book and the report of the Treasurer of the Pastors' Widows and Orphans Treasury, together with the accompanying receipts. We have examined these papers and found them correct.

Inasmuch as it appears from the papers in our hands, that widow Ada P. Baker is very infirm and needy, and has during 13 years received no aid from this treasury, and inasmuch as the amount of $593.88 is now in the treasury, therefore

Resolved, 1. That the widow of Pastor Baker shall hereafter receive $150 per annum. 2. That the widow of Pastor Bierdemann shall receive $300 per annum. 3. That the election of a member of the administration committee of this treasury, by which the present vacancy is to be filled at this Synod, shall now be held. 4. That the Treasurer's report shall be embodied in the minutes of this Synod.

Respectfully the Committee,

G. Lœwenstein, John Hittel,
C. Buechler,, Isaac Roser.
G. W. Umbaugh,

Upon the adoption of this report Pastor G. Loewenstein was elected a member of the Administration Committee for the term of six years.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE PASTORS' WIDOWS AND ORPHANS TREASURY.

Since the last settlement at the Synod held at Hamilton, O., until the present time, three Pastors' widows have received aid from this

treasury. The widow of Pastor Vetter received from January to October 1875 the sum of $75, but has now been removed from the need of our aid by her death. The widow of Pastor I. O. P. Baker received from October 1875 to October 1876 the sum of $120. The widow of Pastor Bierdemann from Nov. 1874 to October 1876 the sum of $600. Accordingly since the last convention of the Joint Synod until the present date $795 have been paid out of this treasury. The amount received during this time is $1388.88, for which credit has been given in the several numbers of the Kirchenzeitung. The state of the treasury accordingly is the following:

Whole amount received since the Hamilton Synod	$1388 88
Whole amount expended	795 00
Amount in Treasury	$593 88

The Synod should not forget to elect for the term of six years a member of the Administration Committee, in place of Pastor Wernle, who has been removed by death. The Synod should likewise determine whether the widows now receiving aid shall continue to receive the same amounts as heretofore, which the undersigned herewith takes the liberty to propose.

Youngstown, O., Oct. 23, A. D. 1876.

Respectfully,

G. F. H. Meiser, *Treasurer.*

REPORT OF THE SEVENTH COMMITTEE.

Your committee to whom the books and receipts of the Treasurer of the Lutheran Childs Paper have been committed, reports respectfully the following:

We have carefully examined the Treasurer's account and found it correct. From the report it appears that the amounts received and expended are as follows:

Amount borrowed from the Synod's Book Treasury	$150 00
Whole amount received	1256 95
Whole amount expended	1434 97
Amount of indebtedness	$28 02

Your committee moves that the labors of the Editing Committee of the Lutheran Child's Paper be gratefully acknowledged.

The Committee,

A. S. Bartholomew, J. M. Kœpplin,
G. Yung, H. Boose.

Upon the adoption of this report it was

Resolved, That the present Editing Committee, Prof. C. H. L. Schuette, Pastor H. A. Becker and Prof. J. C. Spielmann is herewith re-elected.

REPORT OF THE EIGHTH COMMITTEE.

Your committee, to whom the report of the Missionary Treasurer was referred, has submitted the same to an accurate examination, and has found it, together with the receipts on hand, to be correct, as follows:

A. AMOUNTS RECEIVED.

Amount in treasury at last settlement, Oct. 22, 1874	$143 50
Amount received since and entered upon the book	1104 81
Whole amount	$1248 31

B. EXPENDITURES.

Paid Pastor Theod. Harms, Director of the Hermannsburg Mission, since Aug. 30, 1875	$800 00
Paid Director Hurdeland since April 26, 1875	255 00
Paid student F. W. C. Wiechers, beneficiary	10 00
For postage	1 31
Whole amount expended	$1066 31
Amount in treasury	$182 00

Remark: The Synod will bear in mind that a Missionary Treasurer is to be elected at the present convention.

Respectfully your Committee,

A. MICHAELIS, F. SIEBERT,
G. E. BUCHHOLZ, P. M. MOTZ.
G. WEBER,

This report was adopted and thereupon Director F. Groth re-elected Missionary Treasurer.

REPORT OF THE NINTH COMMITTEE.

To your committee has been referred the report of the Treasurer of the Joint Synod. We have examined the same and found it correct.

It appears from this report that the treasury is in debt to the amount of $177.39, but also that the English District is indebted to the treasury to the amount of $74. Inasmuch as the Synod has resolved to cancel the amount to which this district is in arrears, we move that the entire debt of $177.39 be apportioned among all the Districts.

We would also call attention to the advisability of devising measures by which the constant state of indebtedness of our treasury might be avoided.

Respectfully,

J. J. SUTTER, A. ABEL,
E. A. BŒHME, G. P. FRANK.
B. E. KEMMER,

The report was adopted, and thereupon it was

Resolved, That as to avoiding the indebtedness to which the report refers, no special measures are needed, inasmuch as the constitution prescribes the way which, if regularly observed, makes the incurring of any debt impossible.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE JOINT SYNOD OF OHIO AND OTHER STATES.

A. AMOUNT RECEIVED.

Of the Southern District, (per Pastor H. Koenig)	$49 00
Of the Northern District, (per Pastor J. Graeszle)	94 00
Of the Western District, (per Pastor G. H. Trebel)	86 00
Of the Eastern District, (per Pastor J. G. Butz)	78 00
Whole amount received	$307 00

B. EXPENDITURES.

Paid J. J. Gassmann	$235 20
Paid J. Eitemueller, Treasurer of Syn. Conference	69 30
Paid for telegram to Ft. Wayne, Ind	1 25
Paid for drafts and postage	1 25
Whole amount expended	$307 00

C. INDEBTEDNESS.

To the Seminary treasury since 1873	$22 49
To the publication treasury	24 50
To Pastor J. A. Schulze	1 70
To J. J. Gassmann, balance	128 70
Whole amount of indebtedness	$177 39

Remark: The English District is in arrears to the amount of $74.00.

Oct. 25, 1876. H. JULIUS KLINGLER, *Treasurer.*

B. OTHER TRANSACTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS.

Aside from the reports of committees and appended transactions of this Synod, as above given and recorded, the attention of the Synod was also occupied by the following: (See page 23, Minutes of Joint Synod, Hamilton, O., 1874.)

REPORT ON THE ENGLISH DISTRICT OF JOINT SYNOD OF OHIO AND OTHER STATES.

Inasmuch as it is the aim of the Synodical Conference to resolve its individual Synods into State Synods, which will probably, with God's help, be accomplished in a few years, and accordingly a change in Synodical relations must necessarily supervene, therefore your com-

mittee, appointed to report in reference to the dissolution of the English District, takes the liberty to move:

That until the state of things in the church shall have assumed a different form, we regard it as expedient to leave the English District as it is, and therefore recommend this to the Synod.

Concerning the task committed to us, of preparing definite regulations to be applied in cases of the connection of congregations belonging to our German Districts with the English, and vice versa, your committee feels impelled to offer the following:

a. That such a connection may be effected:

1. When reasons in reference to the language exist, and on account of these the change is desired for the good of the congregation.

2. In all cases however Christian order should be observed, and a regular dismission secured.

b. That when Pastors of any one District accept a call from congregations belonging to another, it is self evident that they connect themselves with that District to which the congregations belong.

M. Loy, G. F. H. Meiser,
W. F. Lehmann, E. Cronenwett.
F. Groth,

This report was considered item by item and adopted.

TRANSACTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS IN REFERENCE TO THE LUTHERAN STANDARD.

In the name of the Editing Committee Prof. W. F. Lehmann reported in regard to matters pertaining to the Lutheran Standard, that to this committee a document had been committed by the editor of this paper, in which he announces the impossibility under existing arrangements of his continuing to hold the place of editor; and he therefore requests the committee to devise means for removing existing difficulties. During the past five years, or since the time when the English District received permission to convert the paper into a weekly, the editor has conducted and issued it at his own risk. During this time he has performed all the labor connected with its publication, even including packing and mailing. Under these adverse circumstances his aim has been to conduct the paper to all intents and purposes as the organ of the Synod, and he is still willing to serve the Synod in this direction, inasmuch as he recognizes the work as salutary in promoting the building up of the kingdom of God. But he should be relieved of a portion of the labor, and also of bearing alone all the responsibility.

After having heard and discussed this report, a committee was appointed to report on the subject involved. This committee reported the following:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE PUBLICATION OF THE LUTHERAN STANDARD.

Concerning the publication of our English church paper your committee takes the liberty to offer the following:

1. The Synod herewith relieves the present publisher of the Standard from the attending responsibility, and also assumes such responsibility.

2. The Synod appoints the Columbus College Faculty to act as a Committee of Supervision of the Lutheran Standard, and herewith instructs this committee to continue the weekly issue as heretofore.

3. The Synod commits the editing of the paper to its former editor, Prof. M. Loy, for which he shall receive a salary of $400.00 per annum.

4. The business to be transacted in connection with the paper is herewith committed to the agent of the Synod, Mr. Gassmann, for which he shall receive $300.00 per annum.

5. If it should appear that the income of the Standard should not be sufficient to meet the expense of its publication, the case shall be met by drawing on the treasury of the Kirchenzeitung.

The Committee,

E. Cronenwett, E. Schmid,
G. F. H. Meiser, J. A. Schulze.
L. A. Detzer,

This report was adopted, and Prof. Loy expressed his willingness, for the sake of the cause, to continue the editing of the paper upon the conditions described therein. It was aso

Resolved, That the College Faculty shall also act as a Committee of Supervision of the Kirchenzeitung.

C. FINAL TRANSACTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS.

1. *Examination Committee:*

Resolved, That henceforward the Faculty of the Institution shall constitute the Examination Committee.

2. *Board of Education:*

Resolved, That this Board shall likewise consist of the Faculty of the Institution, and also that it is herewith authorized to decide in cases of application for beneficiary aid.

3. *Historian of the Synod:*

Resolved, That Pastor G. H. Trebel be and is herewith appointed Historian of the Synod, and that Pastor C. G. Reichert be requested to transfer the material he has collected.

4. *Resolution of Thanks:*

Resolved, That to the good people of the Richmond congregation an expression of thanks is herewith tendered, for the kind hospitality with which they have received and entertained the members of this Synod, and that Prof. Lehmann shall embrace the opportunity at the closing service to announce to the congregation the substance of this resolution.

5. *Time of the next Convention of the Joint Synod:*

Resolved, That the next convention of the Joint Synod shall begin with the opening sermon on Tuesday evening before the full moon in October 1878 and with the regular sessions on the following Wednesday morning, and shall be closed on the following Tuesday evening.

Resolved, That the Secretary shall at the time announce both the date of the beginning and the close of the sessions.

6. *Place of the next Convention of the Joint Synod:*

Resolved, That the choice of a place for the next Synod be herewith committed to the officers of the Synod.

7. *Publication of Minutes:*

Resolved, That 2500 German and 1000 English copies of the minutes of this Synod shall be printed.

DIVINE SERVICE DURING THE SYNOD.

On Wednesday evening, opening sermon, by the President, Prof. M. Loy, 1 Tim. 4, 16.

On Thursday evening, school sermon, W. C. H. Luebkert, 2 Tim. 3, 15–17.

On Friday evening, English sermon, Eml. Cronenwett, Gal. 3, 15–16.

On Saturday afternoon, preparatory sermon, A. Michaelis, 1 John 1, 8–9.

On Sunday morning, sermon on the Lord's Supper, K. Herbst, Matt. 26, 26–28.

Remark: On Sunday morning, after the sermon by Pastor Herbst, the members of Synod together with a number of the members of the Richmond congregation united in the celebration of the holy Lord's Supper.

On Sunday evening, English sermon, Prof. C. H. L. Schuette, Matt. 28, 18–19.

On Tuesday evening, reformation sermon, G. F. H. Meiser, Matt. 11, 12–15.

On Wednesday evening, closing sermon, Prof. W. F. Lehmann, 1 Cor. 1, 4–9.